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In re Application of
Lee D. Saathoff, et al.
Application No. 10/788,732
Filed: February 27, 2004
Attorney Docket No. EI-7624

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 28, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Edward C. LaRose appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. However, if Mr. LaRose desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. Until otherwise instructed, all future correspondence regarding this application will be directed solely to the address of record.

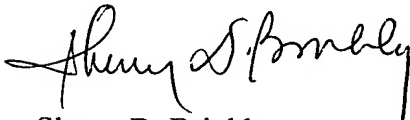
This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the final Office action mailed September 24, 2007. This decision precedes the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment. On July 28, 2008, the present petition was filed.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), including the fee of \$810; (2) the petition fee of \$1,540; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay¹.

¹ 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. While the statement is not made by an attorney of record, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1797 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.



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